(a) whether the Muslim League has asked for communal reservation in Government services while submitting its proposal before Talyarkhan Committee, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what is the response of the Central Government to this demand?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The Central Government have not appointed any Committee called Talyarkhan Committee.

(b) Does not arise.

Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture

786. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Project Directorate of Dryland Agriculture at Hyderabad has recently been elevated to a full-fledged Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The All India Coordinated Research Project on Dryland Agriculture was started in 1970 with Headquarter's at Hyderabad. The Project has 23 Cooperating Centres. Recognising the importance of the continued Research back-up for the transfer of improved Dryland Agriculture technology, the project Directorate has been elevated into a full-fledged Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture in April, 1985.

The Institute has four divisions namely Resource Management, Crop Production, Design & Analysis and Transfer of Technology. The Institute has two research farms at Hyderabad. The VIIth Plan allocation is Rs. 140 lakhs under plan and Rs. 386.70 lakhs under Non-plan. There are 41 Projects which are being handled by the Institute.

Issue of Newsprints to the Boards of of Education

787. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that newsprints are not issued to the Boards of Education as a matter of policy; and

(b) whether Government propose to change their policy in this regard, if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL): (a) Newsprint is allowed only to those newspapers/periodicals which are registered with the Registrar of Newspapers for India, in terms of Newsprint Allocation Policy.

(b) No, Sir.

British Film defamatory to Indian National Leaders

788. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have lodged a protest against the British production 'Lord Mountbatten the last Viceroy' which shows the Indian national leaders like Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Sardar Patel in bad light;

(b) whether Government have taken any positive steps to ban this show;

(c) whether Government have received any satisfactory explanation from the British producers; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to sue the British producers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL):(a) No protest has been lodged because the reports received